

Post-Office Notifications.

A Mail will close
For SWAROW, AMOR, NINGPO and SHANGHAI.—
"Moss," To-day, the 25th Instant, at 11 a.m.

A Mail will close.
For MELBOURNE and SYDNEY.—Per "Nightingale," To-day, the 25th Instant, at 3 p.m.

A Mail will close
For SWAROW and CANTON.—Per "Isle,"

MAILS BY THE "EMED".—
The Contract Packet, "EMED," will be
patched with the usual Mails on THURSDAY,
1st February, 1886.
The Menes appointed for closing, are —
For Registered Letters 6 P.M. on WEDNES-
DAY, the 31st January.
For Ordinary Letters and Newspapers at 9
P.M. on THURSDAY, the 1st February.

and Newspapers, Books or Packets of Patterns from 9 a.m. until noon on the 1st February, such correspondence will not however be dispatched unless it bears an extra Eighteen cent Stamp on each letter, and an extra Two cent Stamp on each Newspaper, Book, or Packet of Patterns, as late as 1 p.m. in addition to the ordinary postage. Letters are addressed to the United Kingdom, India, Ceylon, or to Singapore can be posted on the 1st from 1.30 to 1.50 p.m. for a late fee of 4 cents each in addition to the postage, after which

Box will be kept open for the receipt of correspondence from 8 P.M. on the 31st January until 11 A.M. on the 1st February.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence Box Holders will be received at the Window set apart for the purpose on the East Side of the Bldg.

All correspondence for places to which prepayment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong postage stamps.

Unpaid Registered Letters addressed to the

Kingdom will be sent on a date or the same day, being charged in addition to the postage due on all such letters, as may be posted before 4.30 p.m. on the 1st February.

Insufficiently Stamped and unstamped correspondence addressed to places to which it cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers, as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such letters which may be posted on the morning of the departure of the steamer, will be returned until after the closing of

The Postage Stamp should be placed on the upper left hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees" when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left and corner of the correspondence.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coin prescribed by Ordinance 1 of 1881, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1884, and no other Coin but those there-specified will either be received or given

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in
the current Dollar of the Colony or Bank Notes.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 18th January, 1886.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.—
For India, Europe, &c.—Per the Compagnie
des Services Maritimes des Messageries Impéri-
ales, ENTHEDAY next the

th. Insr. at 1 o'clock P.M. to and through
United Kingdom *via* Marseilles, to France
and other Continental States (in a closed Mail to
France), to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, India,
Seychelles Reunion and Mauritius, Suva and
Alexandria; after which no letters can be received.
Letters for Registration will be received
until Noon on the 26th Instant.
All correspondence intended to be forwarded
by the vessels of the above Company must be
unperforated per "Messagerie Impériale Pack-
age".

The departure of the Messageries Imperiales steamer "*Donnai*," having been postponed, notice will be given hereafter of the time of closing her mails. N. B. as the notice may possibly be lost, parties are advised to post the correspondence to be forwarded in the mails by her as early as possible.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

Hongkong, 11th January, 1886.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION
It is hereby notified for general information that henceforward the size of any packet, whether of Books, Patterns or Newspapers, Intend to be forwarded by the post between Hongkong and the United Kingdom, must not exceed two feet in length and one foot in width and depth: such packets exceeding these limits as to size will not be forwarded.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Post-Master General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1866.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information
that the following modifications have been made
in the regulations for the transmission of Patterns
by post from Hongkong to the United Kingdom
by way of Southampton.

1st. The removal of the prohibition against the
transmission of articles of intrinsic value by the

2nd. Example of Seeds, Drugs and similar Articles are now allowed to be sent in bags entirely closed, provided such bags be transparent, so that the Officers of the Post Office may satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

3rd. The rule which prohibited the transmission through the post, as patterns, of articles of cutlery, &c., has been rescinded, and so now knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machines, metal tubing, pieces of metal wire, and such like articles are now allowed to be forwarded

ed by the post department, provided they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags, and to the persons of the Messrs of the Post Office. Such articles however must not be packed that they may be easily examined, and it is made a rule that any packet containing such articles, which may be found to be insufficiently guarded shall not be forwarded through the post. It will be understood that the foregoing modified regulations extend only to Patrons to be sent by the post, and not to those of South America.

to the United Kingdom, at the same time the regulations at present in force as to the transmission of letters in the mails forwarded by *ways of necessity* to the United Kingdom have been so far altered as to admit of examples of *roads, drugs and similar articles* being forwarded in *post* mails via France packed in transparent bags which may be closed; such bags however must not contain anything, in the nature of a letter and the articles themselves so forwarded cannot not be of intrinsic value.

Post Master General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1866.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that from the 1st January
1866 the Commission allowed to Brokers for
buying Opium is half a Dollar per Chest.
Kin Hing-Chong, Tin-Wa-Chong,
Fow-shang, Yung-wa, Kwong-hang, Shung

hing, Sang-sang-kei,
 hing, Ting-on, Man-chuen, Shan-on, Ku-yuen
 Wing-yuen, Chin-yuen, Wuy-hing, Yut-bing
 Sap-chue-king, Chue-shue-yung, Sap-chue-uk
 Tsun-fong, Tse-yau, Kwan-ying-long, Ching-
 loong, Chue-keo, and Sap-nam-hing.
 47 129 Hongkong, 18th January, 1865.

NOTICE.
STAG HOTEL,
 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

J. B. Watson, to return his sincere thanks very warmly to his Friends and the Public for the liberal support he has received the last seven years and taken this opportunity to inform them that he has greatly enlarged his establishment.

Visitors and Boarders will now find the above establishment second to none in the Colony for cleanliness and comfort, the Bedrooms being large and airy.

The Cuisine department is under an experienced European.

Table d'Hôte at 7 P.M.
Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.
The Billiard Room contains two of Harri-
son's first class Patent Iron Tables.
at 3014 Hongkong, 29th December, 1866.

